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1. Replacement of Training Schools

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On 23 May, Generalmajor Wagner and Armeegeneral Hoffmann called a meeting of the chiefs of staff and political representatives of the Personnel Departments of the Cadre and Central Schools of the KVP and informed them of the following:

- a. All work in connection with the formation of such schools would end in its present form.
- b. The same would apply to work in schools which were already functioning.
- c. Courses in training schools which have been held for officers from the friendly People's Democracies would stop between 7 and 10 June.
- d. The present courses at the Staff Officers' School at Dresden would be replaced by a so-called Experience and Exchange course.
- e. At this course senior officers of the friendly People's Democracies would exchange their experiences with officers of the KVP and in certain cases would work out combined training plans.

2. New Courses

- a. It was emphasized that the training of cadre officers would not cease definitely. The new measures were to be regarded as a mere postponement of such training.
- b. New training courses would open at the end of the summer, and autumn maneuvers and the training of cadre officers would then begin once more though in a somewhat different form.
- c. Details are to be worked out by Personnel and Training and these will be issued shortly by the Main Administration for Political Training in the form of an order.

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3. Maneuvers

- a. The KVP would carry out (between the beginning of August and the end of September) large-scale maneuvers.
- b. These maneuvers, which are being for the first time carried out on the scale of army maneuvers, will be under the command of a specially appointed staff.
- c. In addition to units of the KVP, the VP will send detachments to the maneuvers which will be responsible for security problems.
- d. The "Kadergruppen" of the G.S.T., the F.D.J., and factory combat groups (Betriebskampfgruppen) will also take part.
- e. It will be the responsibility of the G.S.T. and the F.D.J. to maintain security conditions and to shut off the countryside in which the maneuvers are being held.
- f. The factory combat groups will take part in special exercises designed to prepare them for defending factories against enemy attack until KVP troops can come to the rescue; or against acts of sabotage.
- g. The technical services of the VP will also have their role to play and will have to assure light and water supplies, etc.
- h. The maneuvers will be held at: Weisswasser/Spremberg, Spreefurt/Reichwald, and on the Baltic at Pinnow/Eggesin/Altwarp.

4. V.T.O.

- a. On 1 June 1955, Colonel Rudolf Teuber, Chief of the Main Administration Transport and Rear Services of the Staff for the Organization of Transport, and Generalmajor Gähringer, Chief of the Organization Staff, issued instructions that a Liaison-Transport-Organization Staff should be formed in the principal Railway Administration Department of the Ministry of Transport.
- b. This staff is to be referred to as the V.T.O., the letters standing for Verbindungs- Transport- und Organisationsstab.

5. V.T.O. Tasks

The tasks allotted to the V.T.O. will correspond to those which used to be carried out by BBO officers (Bahnbevollmächtigte) on the staffs of the former German army. These will include: the mobilization of all required forms of transport, the working out in detail of special time tables, issuing Transport Numbers, and security of all rail transport and inland waterways.

6. Railway Executive Offices

- a. Similar staffs are to be formed in the various railway executive offices (Reichsbahndirektion). These will carry out their duties under the direction of the V.T.O. in the Ministry of Transport.
- b. For the present no special liaison officers will be attached to the administrative offices of Shipping and Inland Waterways. The necessary work, there, will be done by the staffs of the railway executive offices.

7. SSD Unit

- a. The SSD is forming at the same time an armed security unit which will wear uniforms. They will be composed of volunteers from the F.D.J., party schools of the S.E.D., and KVP officers who in the past have proved themselves in other units. All applicants must be over 22.

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- b. Volunteers will have to obtain permission to join this unit from the cadre chief of the Central Secretariat, Karl Schirdewan.
- c. The officers of this unit must all be young men who have gone through the cadre schools and the Staff Officers' School at Dresden.
- d. The strength of this unit is not yet known, but according to hearsay the minimum number is to be about 3,000 with an eventual goal of 12,000.
- e. The places where the unit will be formed are: Berlin-Koepenick, "Werner Seelenbinder-Strasse", and Berlin-Friedrichsfelde, "Magerviehhof-Gelände".
- f. The unit will be given a uniform similar to that worn by the KVP but of a deeper (kräftiger) green. On the left sleeve a white oval badge will be worn with the letters SE (Sicherungs-Einheit) embroidered in red.

#### 8. Wachbataillon of the SSD

- a. An unspecified number of the officers, NCO's, and EM of the SSD Wachbataillon are to be transferred to the new unit to serve on the training staff.
- b. Small detachments of the Wachbataillon serving at present in the "Bezirks" and "Kreisdienststellen" will take part in the KVP maneuvers in independent units.
- c. As soon as the basic training of the new unit has been finished, the Wachbataillon is to be disbanded and the remaining officers, NCO's, and men will be transferred to the new unit.

#### 9. Personalities

##### a. Maneuvers

Chief of Staff:	Generalleutnant Vincenz Mueller
Staff Officers:	Generalmajor Heitsch
	Generalmajor Korfes
	Generalmajor Vogel
	Colonel Karl Riedel
	Colonel Bleck
	Colonel Weiss
	Lieutenant Colonel Schultheis
Divisional Commanders:	Divisionskommandeur Pilz
	Divisionskommandeur Borufka
	Divisionskommandeur Gaertner
	Divisionskommandeur Brandis

##### b. V.T.O.

O.C:	Major Blohm
Deputy O.C:	Captain Kietzke

##### c. SSD Unit

Generalmajor Paul Ludwig, former chief of the International Brigade in Spain, and at one time District Chief and Chief Inspector in the VP in Mecklenburg.  
Colonel Walther  
Major Gluth

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